

# Owatonna Online

## Grades 4-6

December 2025

### A Message from Our Principal

Hello Owatonna Online Families,

This last month, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade scholars have shown strong effort, creativity, and responsibility as online learners. Way to go!  

The short weeks between Thanksgiving and Winter Break can go by quickly. With busy schedules and holiday excitement, it's easy to lose focus. Together, we'll help our online learners stay organized, stay connected, and finish the year strong!

We are so proud of your commitment to learning from home. Let's celebrate the progress students have made — and get ready for more learning adventures into the new year!

— Dr. Martina Wagner, Principal

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### Student Spotlight Challenge!

Show us your Best Learning Space Reset!

Students can organize or decorate their workspace and take a picture of it.

 Email photos to [mwagner@isd761.org](mailto:mwagner@isd761.org) for a chance to be featured and entered into a prize drawing!

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## Family Tip Video: Help Your Student Stay Focused Online!

Want a simple way to help your child stay on task during short school weeks?

Try watching this quick, kid-friendly video together:

 "Keeping Focus" – How Students Can Stay on Task

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzKj04hasMc>

 This short video teaches:

- ✓ How to reduce distractions
- ✓ What to do when your brain wanders
- ✓ Simple tools to stay focused during schoolwork

 Families can watch together, then choose one strategy to try during the week!

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## The Power of Reading Together

Reading with your child, even for just a few minutes, builds more than literacy — it builds connection. When families read together, students hear rich language, grow new ideas, and practice thinking out loud. These shared moments strengthen vocabulary, imagination, and confidence in learning. Most importantly, reading together creates memories that remind children that their learning matters.

At Owatonna Online, we believe learning happens everywhere — especially in the moments we share.

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## Family Short Story Read-Together

Choose a short story from one of these kid-friendly reading sites and enjoy it together:

 Storyberries – Free Stories for Ages 7–12

<https://www.storyberries.com/>

 FreeChildrenStories.com – Illustrated Short Reads

<https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>

 British Council Stories (with Audio + Activities)

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/listen-watch/short-stories>

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## Family Reading Challenge

We invite all Owatonna Online families to share a December Reading Highlight!

 Here's how:

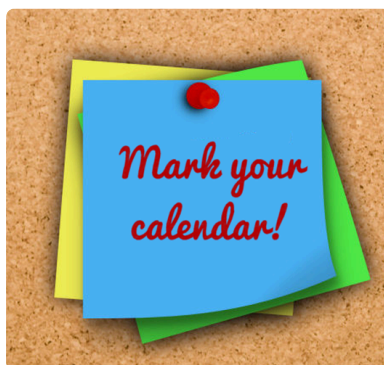
1. Choose and read one short story together from the links above
2. Talk about one thing your student learned (a new word, character lesson, or favorite part).

Send your highlight (photo or 1-2 sentences) to:

 [mwagner@isd761.org](mailto:mwagner@isd761.org)

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## Important Dates



- **November 26-28:** No School (Thanksgiving break)
- **December 24-January 2:** No School (Winter break)
- **January 5:** Back to School
- **January 19:** No school (Teacher work day)
- **January 20:** No school (Staff Development)
- **February 13:** No school (Gr K-5 Conferences)
- **February 16:** No school (Staff Development)

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## Infinite Campus Log In

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[Infinite Campus Student Portal](#)

- **The username** is the first part of the student's email address.

(no '@isd761.org' on the end)



- **Password** is the same as the student's Google login (lunch pin).

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## Student Email Accounts



**Students** - We email you information often, so please access your email daily! All students have school email accounts and will need to log in daily. Students can do this by doing the following:

Go to [gmail.com](https://gmail.com)

Sign in using the following information:

**USERNAME:** first initial, last name @[isd761.org](mailto:isd761.org) \*\*example:  
[jdoe@isd761.org](mailto:jdoe@isd761.org)

**PASSWORD:** lunch pin number.

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## Owatonna Online School Student Handbook

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## Crisis Response



The crisis response inspires hope in adults, children, youth, and their families by delivering compassionate, person-centered, recovery-based mental health support during a crisis. Please do not hesitate to use this as a resource.  
1-844-274-7472

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## 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline



If you need suicide or mental health crisis support or are worried about someone else, please call or text 988 or visit the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline chat to connect with a trained crisis specialist.

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## Attendance

GENERAL ATTENDANCE LINE- **507-444-8012**

Call between 7:00-9:00 AM or prior to your student's absence.

PARENT PORTAL - Great resource to check your student's attendance!

Review your profile settings regarding automated notifications, current email, and phone numbers.

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## Owatonna Online STAFF

- Mr. Ruben Alvarez – Teacher (Grades 4–6) ([ralvarez1@isd761.org](mailto:ralvarez1@isd761.org) )
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## TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

If you are experiencing a technology issue while learning from home, you can contact the Owatonna Public Schools Technology Department by leaving a message on the Technology Hotline at [studenthelp.isd761.org](https://studenthelp.isd761.org). A member of



the Technology Department will contact you as soon as possible during Technology Help Desk hours.

### [Technology Help Desk](#)

Technology Help Desk Hours:

**Monday - Friday**

7:30 am - 3:30 pm

507-444-8630

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## Important Links

[Facebook](#)

[School Calendars](#)

[Community Flyers/ Peachjar](#)

[Technology and Innovation](#)

[Nutrition Services](#)

[Children's Remedial Fund](#)

## Parent Portal

[Campus Parent English](#)

[Campus Parent Spanish](#)

[Campus Parent Somali](#)



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## **Nondiscrimination Policy**

Owatonna Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, age, gender identity or expression, or socio-economic status. Students with disabilities are entitled to a free appropriate public education that includes general education, special education and/or related aids and services. Direct reports or concerns to the Title IX Coordinator. More information can be found on the district website: [isd761.org/nondiscrimination](http://isd761.org/nondiscrimination)

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